जिन नई लाइनों पर काम चल रहा है, उनके पूरा हो जाने पर देश के पश्चिमोत्तर भाग के निम्नलिखित शहरों के रेल से जुड़ जाने की आशा है:-

राज्य	**शहर**
आंध्र प्रदेश	करीमनगर
असम और पूर्वोत्तर राज्य	1. अगरतला
	2. गोलपाड़ा
	3. करोंग
	4. ईटानगर
बिहार	दुमका
जम्मू और कश्मीर	1. बारामूला
	2. श्रीनगर
	3. अनंतनाग
	4. ऊधमपुर
कर्नाटक	1. हरपनहल्ली
	2. चिकमगलूर
मध्य प्रदेश	1. टीकमगढ़
	2. छतरपुर
	3. पत्रा
	4. सीधी
	5. झाबुआ
	6. धार
महारष्ट्र	बीड़
उड़ीसा	केंडुझारगढ़
पश्चिम बंगाल	बालूरघाट

नोट:

इस विवरण के प्रयोजन के लिए निम्न लिखित स्थानों को शहरों के रूप में परिभाषित किया गया है :-

1. नगर प्रतिकर भत्ते के प्रयोजनों के लिए भारत सरकार द्वारा 'ए', 'बी' और 'बी2' श्रेणी के शहरों के रूप में वर्गीकृत स्थान।

2. सभी जिला मुख्यालय।

Cases pending before State Consumer Redressal Commissions

*488. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases pending before the State Consumer Redressal Commissions, State-wise; and

(b) the steps Government propose" for the quick disposal of the cases?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) A statement showing the number of cases pending before the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, State-wise, as reported by the StatesAJT, is enclosed *See* below)

(b) Poor infrastructure lack of monitoring, frequent adjournments, non-filling up of the posts of the Presidents/ members in consumer courts are some of the reasons for delayed disposal of the cases. Some of the steps taken by the Government for removing some of these problems are as follows:—

(i) Under the scheme for the first, time, one-time grant for strengthening the infrastructure of the State and district level consumer courts, the Central Government has provided Rs. 54.62 crores to the States/UTs during 1995-97.

(ii) Central/State Governments and the National Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission arc monitoring the working of these consumer courts through periodical reports.

(iii) Central Government has given special emphasis on monitoring and filling up the vacancies of Presidents/Members in the consumer courts in order to expediting the clearance of pending cases.

(iv) The Ministry has written to the State Governments to hold periodical meetings with the Presidents

of the State Commissions/District Fora to monitor the disposal of cases and to expedite such disposals.

(v) The Consumer Protection Act, 1986 was amended to set up additional District Fora wherever justified with additonal work load.

Statement

Pending cases in State Commissions

State/UTs	Number of Pending Cases	At the End of
Andhra Pradesh	1609	Mar-97
Arunachal Pradesh	8	Jan-97
Assam	503	Nov-96
Bihar	1593	Dcc-96
Goa	125	Fcb-97
Gujarat	1086	Mar-97
Haryana	1348	Mar-97
Himachal Pradeseh	394	Feb-97
Jammu & Kashmir	42	Dec-96
Karnataka	1512	Dec-96
Kerala	977	Mar-97
Madhya Pradesh	1829	Mar-97
Maharasthra	2107	Mar-97
Manipur	15	Scp-95
Meghalaya	19	Dcc-96
Mizoram	0	Jan-97
nagaland	4	Scp-94
Orissa	2418	Fcb-97
Punjab	908	Mar-97
Rajasthan	7499	Feb-97
Sikkim	0	Dec-96
Tamil Nadu	1816	Mar-97
Tripura	96	Jan-97
Uttar Pradesh	12293	Feb-97
West Bengal	2483	Dcc-96
A&N Island	1	Sep-96
Chandigarh Admn.	132	Dcc-96
D& N Haveli	0	Nov-96
Daman & Diu	0	Scp-94
Delhi	1929	Mar-97
Lakshdweep	0	Mar-97
Pondicherry	75	Mar-97
TOTAL	42821	